# ONE OF HIS DEAD WIVES MAY FURNISH A CLUE TO MURDER

Authorities Expect to Find in the Grave Proof that the First of Blydenburgh's Three Spouses Met Death by Unnatural Causes.

SOME OF HER RELATIVES WILL TESTIFY AGAINST HIM.

Doctors Were Puzzled by Cases of Two Women, but Quick Embalming Hid Any Trace of Poison When Second Mrs. Blydenburgh Died.

Circumstantial evidence justifies the suspicion that Ebenezer S. Blysenburgh, under indictment by the Grand Jury at Eldora, Ia., charged with nurdering his third wife, poisoned two other previous wives with whom he because of Brooklyn, Beletives of the deed women are connurdering his third wife, poisoned two other previous wives with whom he lived in the Borough of Brooklyn. Relatives of the dead women are convinced that he put them out of the way with arsenic and this belief is shared by the county attorney of the Iowa town, who came on here to investigate Blydenburg's record before he presented the case to the Grand

All of Blydenburgh's wives were insured. The Iowa woman had a large farm in addition to her insurance. From what he has realized from the It Is His First Appearance in estates of his dead wives Blydenburgh is a rich man. Although under indictment out in Iowa he enjoys his liberty under \$10,000 bail.

The body of the first Mrs. Blydenburgh was embalmed twenty minutes afer she died. In the case of the second wife it became necessary to make alterations in the death certificate because of the mysterious nature of the allment that carried her off. The third wife, according to the Iowa authorities, was certainly poisoned and they assert that they have located the place where Blydenburgh bought the poison.

He has engaged the best lawyers money can retain and the case promises to become as famous as that of Dr. Milton Bowers, of San Francisco, accused of killing three wives by poison and indicted for the murder of one. He was convicted at his first trial, secured a reversal, went through two mistrials and finally escaped scot free.

### FAMILIES OF DEAD WIVES PLEASED AT MAN'S ARREST.

twelve.

ently recovering from the illness attend-

denburgh's first union, Emily, aged

Collected the Insurance.

Blydenburgh's second wife, Miss

Laura Godbold, was nineteen when she

married him. She lived with her parents at No. 999 Lafayette avenue, Brook-

lyn. She died after an illness of four

J. G. Godbold, father of the second

wife of Ebenezer S. Blydenburgh, who Blydenburgh's death. She was apparhas just been arrested under an indictment charging him with poisoning when she was taken with a severe athis third wife at Eldora, la., will be tack of vomiting and died. exhumed by order of her relatives at Laura Godbold Blydenburgh, the sec Brook Haven, L. I., to ascertain if ond wife, formerly visited the Johnsons

possible the cause of her sudden death, and Mrs. Hawkins at Brook Haven, and Little surprise but a great deal of satisfaction has been expressed by the happy after her marriage to Blydenrelatives of the first two wives of Bly- burgh. denturgh over his arrest. Wives Nos. 1 Mrs. Blydenburgh, the mother of the and 2 lived in Brooklyn, where their suspected man, now lives at Ozone Park relatives to-day are firm in the belief with her daughter, Mrs. Virgil Case. that they, too, were poisoned by their With her is the youngest child of Blyhusband, for the insurance that was

The County Attorney of Eldora, Ia. was in Brooklyn nearly a week investigating the deaths of the first two wives of Blydenburgh and secured enough that they were both victims of poison. Several of the relatives of the first two days. She was insured for \$6,000 in wives will go from Brooklyn to Eklora favor of Blvdenburgh. He collected the to testify at the trial of Blydenburgh. | money after her death.

Died Very Suddenly.

His first wife was Miss Emily Hawkins, of Brook Haven, L. I. He marifed her thirteen years ago. She died in 1891, seventeen days after the birth of her child. Blydenburgh's mother was taking care of her and had left balmed twenty minutes after she died by the seventeen days after the birth of her child. Blydenburgh's mother was taking care of her and had left balmed twenty minutes after she died the second Mrs. Blydenburgh, is bitter against his son-in-law.

"There is no doubt in my minute that Mr. Vanderblit will remain here next summer and take an interest in the affairs of the turf.

Booker T. Washington was a passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II., but his name was not on the passenger list. Others were Robert Goelet, Mrs. Charles Cha was taking care of her and had left balmed twenty minutes after she died that morning, believing Mrs. Blyden- and lost no time in collecting the \$6,000 burgh was fully recovered. She died insurance on her life. He left Brook-

in a few hours.

Mrs. Irene Johnson, of Brook Haven, out that he was a swindler and had the light of the first Mrs. Blyden-obtained money from a woman on the burgh, has been in communication with promise of marriage, giving her a note the suspected man since his arrest in which he afterward stole. lowa. She now believes that her sister might have been poisoned. Mrs. here from Iowa, told me that the case Johnson is the wife of Jesse Johnson, against Blydenburgh was complete, a school teacher of Brook Haven. They have even found the man who To a reporter for The Evening World sold him the arsenic with which he is she said to-day:

"One letter I have had from Blyden- wife." burgh since his arrest includes a very Blydenburgh was a member of the Eppeculiar statement. In it he says: 'I worth M. E. Church during his resi-will never have another friend em-dence in Brooklyn, but was expelled. balmed. Pray for me, Irene. I am in- His expulsion is said to have been due

"Since these stories have come out from a Miss Carthart under promise of about the deaths of his other wives I marriage just before he married Miss am inclined to think my sister, too, was Godbold. poisoned. No one was with her when she died. She died so suddenly that neither mother nor I could get to her. Niece, who new lives at Yaphank, L. I., Her sickness was peculiar and she was but who was practising in Brooklyn at

solzed with vomiting, as were his other two wives.

"If it is necessary I will have the body of my sister exhumed by obtaining an order from the District-Atorney."

Mrs. Johnson said her sister carried \$1,000 life insurance in favor of her hus-

Doctor Was Puzzled.

Dr. Niece, of Brooklyn, who attended the first Mrs. Blydenburgh during her lilness, is said to have remarked to J.

Jane B. Couldy, a woman intertage in Brooklyn, who conducted the function in the first two wives of Blydenburgh, said to-day that there was a suspicious circumstance in connection with the burial of the second Mrs. Blydenburgh. illness, is said to have remarked to J. with the b D. Seaman, of Brook Haven, that he denburgh.

FORMER BROOKLYN MAN ACCUSED OF POISONING THREE WIVES AND EASTERN WOMEN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN HIS VICTIMS. GREENE PROBING



## TRY TO BLACKMAIL WEALTHY WOMAN

riage in St. Mark's, London,

to Miss Rutherford, in London, last summer William K. Vanderbilt reached

bride on the Kaiser Wilhelm II., bring-

ing Miss Margaret Rutherford and Bar

bara Rutherford. The Vanderbilt party boarded a New York Central tug at

Quarantine, disembarking on the North River at a point convenient to their

It has been many months since Mr. Vanderbilt has been at home. He went

away a single man, semingly heart whole and fancy free. In Paris he renewed an acquaintance of long standing

with the charming widow, Mrs. Ruther-

ford, and eventually their engagement

Mr. Vanderbilt is an Episcopalian and

been divorced complicated matters when

he went to arrange for his marriage in

last he arranged that the deremony

church of his own denomination. At

Like New House in City of

Churches and Tried to Return

to Old Home.

was announced.

hurch, in London.

to Mrs. Rutherford.

'Durma Society" Demands Boys, Weighing Less Than Two \$5,000 from Mrs. Orville E. Babcock, Whose Father Is a Wealthy Man in Chicago.

It was a quiet ceremony—in fact, after it was performed there was some doubt expressed as to its legality, the claim being made that the courch doors were not open. But even this technicality had been arranged for, as it proved.

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There was a storm of protest about the marriage in England, some of which was achoed in this country. High Churchmen took their pens in hand and wrote letters to the newspapers; the Bishop of London and the rector of St Mark's were unsparingly condemned. Through it all Mr. Vanderbilt and his bride went placidly on their way through Europe, content in the confidence that every form of Church and State had been complied with.

The plans of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have not been announced. It is expected that they will entertain exclusively during the coming season and that Mr. Vanderbilt will remain here way to summer and take an interest in

cock residence on the telephone, Mrs.
Babbook tried to learn from where the man called up, but the operator refused to give her the information, according to the rules of the company.

Mr. Babbook then reported the matter to the police and an investigation is being made.

The cord was cut and a physician called, but it was too late.

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# DESPONDENT BOY

Health and Unable to Get Work, Tried to End Life with a Pistol.

Thomas Farrance seventy-eight years John McKelvy, eighteen years oil. Thomas Farrance, seventy-eight years old, a veteran of the Maxiean and Civil who lived with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Lucy Mantel and said she lived in Wirs, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court to-day on the technical charge of vagrancy, preferred by Policeman Miller, of the West Thirtight Street Station. When Farrance was brought before Magistrate Mayo, the street station when Farrance was brought before Magistrate Mayo, the street station when Farrance was brought before magistrate Mayo, the street station who is a long time and lately grew despendent. Last night he went to the las Montani, whose husband last week theater and after returning home was street. The All Completed the Miller and after returning home was street. A woman who gave her name as Mrs. Alice Lucy Mantel and said she lived in the Lucy Mantel and said she lived in the Lucy Mantel and said she lived with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Lucy Mantel and said she lived in the Jucy Mantel and said she lived with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Lucy Mantel and said she lived in the Jucy Mantel and said she lived with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Lucy Mantel and said she lived in the Jucy Mantel and said she l bis wife accompanied him, and told the theatre, and after returning home went shot Dr. A. D. Coombs, of the River story of her husband's wanderings. to his room. His aunt was preparing Crest (L. I.) Sanitarium, because of her story of her husband's wanderings.

"My husband was born in Paterson," she said, "and for the past fifty years she said, "and for the past fifty years her nephew's room and found him tani, but admitted she had been in a heart the blood sanitarium, though she would not say

stockings and black button shoes. She was of dark complexion and had blue eyes and black hair. No wounds were found on the body.

It is she has not done for a long time. Becoming interested in the case, she blief to have no recollection of the drug, but is working at he post.

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Since then the police all over Long Island have looked for Mrs. Montani.

### **INCUBATORS MAY** SAVE TINY TWINS GRIEF-STRICKEN,

Pounds Each, Sons of Mrs. Yetta Goldberg, Are Carried to Bellevue in Band-Box.

bables were weighed. One of them reg- came in and with them was Policeman

Wandering Is Wife of Man
Who Shot Dr. A. D. Coombes
in Sanitarium.

Who as the been and depressed in spirits.

A few nights ago she dreamed that she hanged herself and told her friends that she feared the dream would come true. Mrs. Roberts was a believer in physical suggestion.

A woman who gave her name as Mrs.

It was her third appearance in the Presuming the woman was drunk, a po-Lee Avenue Court within the past week liceman arrested her and she was arand the Magistrate decided to hold her, raigned in the Adams Street Court.

### Commissioner Orders Special Report on Case o Young Woman Relatives Say Was Murdered in Brooklyn.

SWEETHEART STILL MISSING.

an who died in the Bushwick Central away accident near Boise City, Idaho, Hospital Friday morning after falling has developed a mystery which much from the window of the livery stable at No. 522 Van Buren street, Brooklyn.

The Commissioner's demand for a written report was occasioned by the fact that the family of the girl insists that she came to her death as the result of foul play. The police of Brooklyn so far seem inclined to accept as the truth the statement of the cabman, Perry Jones, who was arrested in connection with the case, and who says that he met the girl in front of a saloon at Gates and Ralph avenues, and took her to the stable to give her shelter from the rain. He says she jumped from the window of his room.

The girl's family are still seeking will have been married before Christmas, and no trace of him can be found.

Brown and Miss Davies were to have been married before Christmas, and been keeping company with her for nine years. Despite this fact, now of the members of the Davies family know either his business or his address.

FACED MARRIAGE

INSTEAD OF TRIAL

George McCabe, Charged with Abducting Maria Sharkey, Declares in Court He Is Willing counsel to institute a contest. from the window of the livery stable litigation may have to unravel. at No. 522 Van Buren street, Brooklyn.

Probate of the will, of which

clares in Court He Is Willing

George McCabe, a vaudeville artist, appeared in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, to-day to answer a charge of abduction. Maria Sharkey, the girl who figures in the case was there also. of the Magistrate, went to St. Agnes's hurch, and were married.

HANGED HERSELF

Mrs. Rose Roberts, of Brooklyn,

Mrs. Rose Roberts, a widow, hanged

herself in her home at No. 195 1-2 Eighth

street, Brooklyn, to-day. She was found

by her daughter, Miss Ethel Roberts.

The woman had tied one end of a nor-

tiere cord around her neck and the other

end to the curtain pole, then stepping

The young woman ran screaming from

the house in search of help. Neighbors

**WOMAN WHO PRAYS** 

Have a Sprained Ankle.

Found Dead by Her Daughter

McCabe is twenty years old and the -Driven Insane by Loss of girl has just turned eighteen. Last June she disappeared from her home, No. 542 Eleventh street, and although a search was made could not be located Finally her parents received word that

In her delirium, the result of a serio liness, the girl mentioned the name of McCabe. He was arrested and charged with abduction.

THINKS SUICIDE HIS DAUGHTER. manner attracted the att Henry Zimmerman, of No. 240 South jump over street, this city, believes that the young woman who committed suicide by jumping from the ferry-boat Uncas near Elizabethport slip Sunday night was his nineteen-year-old daughter Elizabeth, who has not been seen since Sunday evening. The father says he heard she had gone on the boat early in the evening, and that she had been mentally unbalanced since the death of an elder sister a year ago.

## MISSING HUSBAND FOUND IN SWAMP

Brooklyn, Hears He Has Been Discovered, Partially Demented, in Louislana.

There was rejoicing in the home of Mrs. N. Campbell, Kneeling in place, Brooklyn, this morning when Mrs. Charles Prior, a flagman at the Fleet-Clarke received word that her hus- wood crossing of the Harlem Raffroad the Street, is Arrested for band had been found wandering in the in Mount Vernon, reported to the Mount Drunkenness, but Is Found to

made Mrs. Clarke ill, and her relatives of \$175 and then thrown in the Bronx had begun to fear for her life. Clarke River pear the Bronxville Iron Bridge. disappeared Sept. 18. He kissed his Mr. Prior, who is about seventy-five wife good-by the morning of that day years old, has been in the employ of and started for his office.

praying devoutly that Miss Connolly, man street, and it was feared that he known as the "Angel of the Adams had met with foul pay when he disap had met with foul pay when he disap small store made him sleepy. Street Court," would come to her rescue. peared, as he always carried money and is said to have been fond of displaying more until several hours later, when large roll of bills.

### MYSTERY IN WILL DAVIES MYSTERY OF P. S. BENNETT

William Jennings Bryan, Executor, is Unable to Qualify Owing to Absence of Document Referred to by Testator.

MAY INVOLVE LITIGATION.

tribute \$50,000 According to Instructions in Missing Paper She Is Left \$75,000 Out of Estate.

The will of Philo S. Bennett, a wealthy wholesale grocer of this city and New in who died in the Bushwick Country and New Haven, Conn., who was believed the country and New Haven, Conn., who was believed the country and New Haven, Conn., who was believed the country and New Haven, Conn.

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# to Wed the Girl, and Does So. WOMAN TAKES ACID

ennie Wolf Attempts to End Life on Willis Avenue Bridge by Swallowing Drug, While Men and Women Look On.

the north end of the bridge, Soon after a train passed in

men and women lodbe a bottle of acid to her lim and d way, screaming with pain.
Policeman Breman calleds for a bulance and Dr. Donovan took for to the Harlem Hospital. She was restricted to consciousness in a short time.

umber of persons wise de

Wife of Harry W. Clarke, of Charles Prior, Aged Flagman on the Harlem Road, Awoke with Waters of the Bronx Around

(Special to The Evening World.)
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Oct. 18-Vernon and Bronxville police to-day Anxiety over his disappearance had that he had been chloroformed, robbed the Harlem Railroad for forty-f Mrs. N. Campbell, an aged woman, was found to-day on a Brooklyn street. He was employed by Manufacturing Company, foot of Dikeman street, and it was feared that he street has found in the says that while he was feared that he

From that time on he remembered no WUMAN'S DEATH PROBED.

and the Magistrate decided to hold her, the police are investigating the death of an unidentified, woman, whose body was found in a hallway at No. 78 East Third street, at about 6 o'clock to-day. The woman was about forty-five years old, was 5 feet 5 inches in height, and weighed about 130 pounds. She was a ton Montani, who lives at No. 58 Cheered about 130 pounds. She was skirt, and had on a black waist and black skirt, and had on a black hat, black is stockings and black button shoes. She was stocked as and black button shoes. She would at the magistrate decided to hold her, raigned in the Adams Street Court.

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BOUGHT PISTOLS

right to prevent him from using the man who arrested McGirr.

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Refused a Certificate.

It was learned to-day that Dr. Henry

uptown and bought a couple of pistols, carrying concealed weapons, William J. face, but he declared he had no inten-McGirr, who has dock privileges and tion of killing the latter. Greenfield who does not think politicians have any took fright and rushed for a police- street and Seventeenth avenue. Brook-

Charged with disorderly conduct and which he brancished in Greenfield's Mrs. M. A. Bibby Has Not Heard

from Him in Eight Years. Mrs. M. A. Bibby, of Fifty-third dock at the foot of East Thirtieth street, which his license calls for, was arraigned to-day in Magistrate Breen's court.

The Magistrate listened to McGirr's story and sympathized with him to the extent that he dismissed the charge of salaconduct and fined the docking conlyn. is seeking information concerning

Seaman, of Brook Haven, that he dockmaster, Greenfield, of No. 11 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh sires:

TO SCARE A MAN

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